

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A cigarette package comprising:  
a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-five cigarettes;  
twenty cigarettes, each cigarette being in contact with at least one adjacent cigarette;  
and  
a cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of the cigarette saver,  
wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette saver and wherein the cigarette saver has a cross-sectional area that corresponds to the cross-sectional area of approximately five cigarettes.

27. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the opening is elliptical for receiving cigarettes into the channel.

28. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the opening is round.
29. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the width of the opening is greater than the diameter of one of the cigarettes.
30. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the channel comprises a guide portion and an extinguishing portion.
31. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from plastic.
32. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from metal.
33. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the end of the channel that terminates in the cigarette saver is tapered.

34. (Currently amended) A cigarette package comprising:  
a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-three cigarettes;  
twenty cigarettes, each cigarette being in contact with at least one adjacent cigarette;  
and  
a rigid cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and  
comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of  
the cigarette saver,  
wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette  
saver and wherein the cigarette saver has a cross-sectional area that corresponds to the cross-  
sectional area of approximately three cigarettes.

35. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the  
opening is elliptical for receiving cigarettes into the channel..

36. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the  
opening is round.

37. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the width  
of the opening is greater than the diameter of one of the cigarettes.

38. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the channel  
comprises a guide portion and an extinguishing portion.

39. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from plastic.

40. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from metal.

41. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the end of the channel that terminates in the cigarette saver is tapered.

42. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the length of the cigarette saver is less than the length of a cigarette.

43. (Previously presented) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the length of the cigarette saver is less than the length of a cigarette.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently amended) A cigarette package comprising:

a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-five cigarettes;

twenty cigarettes, each cigarette being in contact with at least one adjacent cigarette;

and

a cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of the cigarette saver,

wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette saver and wherein the cigarette saver occupies a region corresponding to the volume of approximately five cigarettes.

46. (Currently amended) A cigarette package comprising:  
a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-three cigarettes;  
twenty cigarettes, each cigarette being in contact with at least one adjacent cigarette;  
and  
a rigid cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and  
comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of  
the cigarette saver,  
wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette  
saver and wherein the cigarette saver occupies a region corresponding to the volume of  
approximately three cigarettes.